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Letter dated 15 April 1992 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr. A. V. Kozyrev, concerning the Black Sea fleet (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) V. LOZINSKIY
Acting Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation to
the United Nations

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ANNEX

Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to the Secretary-General

It is unfortunate that the letter which my friend and colleague, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, sent to you on 9 April 1992 does not objectively present the situation concerning the Black Sea fleet. It is based on false premises that are inconsistent with the agreements reached within the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States regarding the status of the armed forces of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in general, and the status of the Black Sea fleet in particular.

Our position is that the problems that have arisen in connection with the Black Sea fleet call for detailed and constructive negotiations. It is generally known that this is precisely what was arranged by the President of the Russian Federation and the President of Ukraine on 9 April 1992, when they agreed to halt implementation of the decrees issued on that very matter by the President of Ukraine on 5 April and by the President of the Russian Federation on 7 April.

We hope that the negotiations on which agreement was reached by the Presidents of the Russian Federation and Ukraine will produce mutually acceptable results.